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Copies of English language abstracts, Search Reports, or in some cases where available, more complete translations or U.S./U.K. related patents of the listed non-English documents (previously cited) are attached.

Please note that in the IDS submitted February 2, 2000, ES 283078 is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,877,020; JP 57-29348 is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,349,921; and

JP 61-122859 is related to U.S. Patent No. 4,759,766, all of which were also submitted in the IDS dated February 2, 2000. Additionally, the applicant submits herewith the following U.S./U.K. related patents corresponding with the following non-English references:

GB 1291470	relates to	DE 1961531
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GB 1531487	relates to	FR 2295729
US 5,279,292	relates to	DE 4104359

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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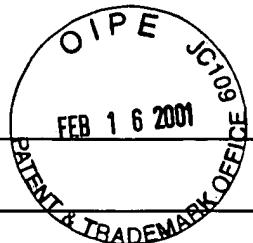
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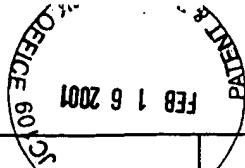
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